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SUBJ: POLITICIZATION OF ICAO
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1. SUMMARY. SPAIN SHARES OUR CONCERN ABOUT INCREASED
POLITICIZATION OF ICAO AND WILL ATTEMPT TO AVOID THIS
IN ITS ROLE AS AD HOC COMMISSION MEMBER. GOS ESSENTIALLY
INDIFFERENT TO METHOD FOR SELECTION OF BUREAU DIRECTORS,
BUT VOTED JUNE 22 IN FAVOR OF CHANGED PROCEDURES AS A
DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH LATIN AMERICANS.
BY CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH SPANISH IN MONTREAL, USDEL
MAY BE ABLE TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR REVERSAL OR MODIFICATION
OF JUNE 22 DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DISCUSSING JUNE 22 VOTE OF ICAO COUNCIL CHANGING
PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING BUREAU DIRECTORS, SPANISH
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT YNIGUEZ INFORMED EMBOFF
SPAIN VOTED IN RESPONSE TO SUDDEN REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
FROM LATIN AMERICANS AND IN ABSENCE OF ANY COUNTERVAILING
APPROACH FROM US DELEGATION. WHILE NOTING THAT REVISED
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SELECTION PROCEDURE IS A BIT MORE "DEMOCRATIC" THAN THE
PREVIOUS SYSTEM, YNIGUEZ SAID SPAIN AGREES ON DESIRABILITY
OF AVOIDING INCREASED POLITICIZATION OF A VALUABLE
TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION AND WILL WORK TO THIS END IN ITS
ROLE AS MEMBER OF AD HOC COMMISSION. HE ASSURED EMBOFF
THAT SPAIN WOULD CONSIDER ANY NEW PROPOSALS SHOULD
DISSATISFACTION DEVELOP WITH NEW PROCEDURES.

3. CHIEF OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF AIR TRANSPORT (GARCIA DE BENITO) INFORMED EMBOFF
THAT SPAIN HAS NO STRONG VIEWS ON DIRECTOR SELECTION
PROCEDURE AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED ON JUNE 22
VOTE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR LAST MINUTE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
FROM LATIN AMERICANS AND ABSENCE OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE U.S. WHILE NOTING THE DIFFICULTY OF REVERSING
A DECISION TAKEN BY SUCH A LARGE MAJORITY OF ICAO
MEMBERS, GARCIA DE BENITO BELIEVES CLOSE CONSULTATIONS
WITH GOS DELEGATION IN MONTREAL COULD LEAD TO SPANISH
SUPPORT FOR MODIFICATIONS IN NEW BUREAU DIRECTOR SELECTION
PROCEDURES. EATON

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